

City and District

Zion Line WI holds its meeting

International Night was the theme for the February meeting of the Zion Line Women's Institute.

The program was under the direction of Mrs Clarence Orr and Mrs James Ross, conveners of the citizenship and world affairs committee.

Mrs Orr reviewed the events leading to the visit of Queen Elizabeth II for the official proclamation of Canada's Constitution. Each person present received a copy of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Moving from Canada the ladies, led by Mrs Robert Kennedy, considered the tiny independent "fourth world" country of Lesotho in southern Africa. Political problems were examined in the light of the shocking, night raid upon

Lesotho's capital city, Maseru, on December 9, 1982, by troops from the Republic of South Africa. Very evident were the social problems of a mountainous agricultural land which depends for 71 per cent of its family incomes upon exporting young men to work in the gold mines of South Africa.

This source of income, however, will cease in six to eight year's time as South Africa introduces a policy of hiring only residents of the Republic of South Africa.

A contest to identify, from their pictures, 28 Prominent Canadians and world figures was conducted by Mrs James Ross. The work of each person was stated by the members as they checked their lists. The winner of

the contest was Mrs Bert Blok.

The annual Officers' Conference for Ontario will be held on May 3, 4 and 5 at the University of Waterloo. This year it will be especially for Resolutions conveners.

Two new branches of the WI have been formed recently in Ontario.

Mrs Richard Gutz, convener of the Tweedsmuir history committee, reported regular weekly meetings of the committee for the past month. The Farm Histories are almost ready to duplicate. The book of biographies and the community history book have had new research material added to them.

Mrs James Ross lent her home for the occasion and Mrs Sam Crozier and Mrs Alva Collins were refreshment hostesses.

Eastern Ontario WI convention

by Evelyn Moore Price

Mrs B V Bedore of Arnprior, was unanimously re-elected as president of Eastern Ontario Women's Institutes at their 68th annual Area Convention in Ottawa on Oct 25 to 26.

Other executive offices are the past pres, Mrs G E McCaffery, of Russell; vice-presidents, Mrs Maurice Jenkins of Prescott; Mrs William Proudfoot of Fournier; secretary-treasurer, Mrs Walter Kilby of RR 2 Golden Lake, KOJ 1XO and PRO, Mrs Owen Kidd of RR 2 Pembroke.

Conveners of standing committees: Agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs Robert Burns, of RR 1 Navan; citizenship and world affairs, Mrs Allan Craig of RR 5 Renfrew; education and cultural activities, Mrs A J Sales of RR 1 Arnprior; family and consumer affairs, Mrs Raymond Bothwell, of RR 6, Perth; resolutions, Mrs Eric Samuels of RR 5 Manotick; curator, Tweedsmuir History, Mrs Earl Snedden of RR 3, Almonte; and assistant, Mrs Carl Price of RR 2, Pembroke.

Convention committees: Pianist, Mrs Carl Price, assistant, Mrs Hugh McMillan, of Ottawa; song leader, Mrs Robert Wallace of Renfrew; assistant, Mrs Percy Kindlay

of Kinburg; Central Canada, Mrs Keith Angus of Kemptville; assistant, Mrs Theodore Brassier of Dunrobin; auditors, Mrs Ronald Curtis and Mrs John Sinclair.

Board of directors; Sub-Div (1) Mrs Lynne MacPherson, of Dalkeith; alt Mrs Arthur Smith of Williamstown; (2) Mrs Harold Munroe of RR 1 Carp; alt, Mrs Denys Gibbs of RR 1 Kinburn; (3) Mrs Bert Timmens of RR 3, Almonte, and alt, Mrs Howard Giles, of RR 1 Almonte.

Mrs Bedore based her opening address on the theme, "Woman—A Strong Resource," and the potentials of this organization from branch level to the International level in the Associated Country Women of the World." (ACWW).

Mrs Walter Kilby read correspondence. Registration was 310 delegates.

Mrs Keith Heipleh, FWIO president, Springfield, spoke on the project—Coupon A 71 on Sanitation for All. She urged support for the Erland Lee Home—noted corrections in the new handbook—our twin Province is now New Brunswick. More subscribers are needed for Federated News, and is to be desied to keep alert to the needs of developing countries.

Mrs H Munroe gave her report on the successful catering at the Plowing Match at Richmond. Mrs B Carter and Mrs Vivienne James told of the success of the EOWI Cookbook, with first and second printing sold out and a move to order another 5,000 in the third printing.

Co-ordinator Mrs Joyce Canning, Rural Organizations and Services Branch, Guelph, told of the new structure based at that point of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies—Women's Institutes—4-H Clubs and Junior Farmers—being combined with Ken Knox as head of the multi-organization. Lorraine Holding is in charge of professional development—Jean Horne—youth education—rural organizations—Peter Fleming—field section, Jack Haggarty; International Plowing Match—Robert McMunn.

Three resolutions were sustained—dealing with stricter law enforcement—that the spousal deduction for tax purposes remain intact—and an amendment to another tax act whereby farmers could be permitted to invest in RRSP either part or all taxable amount resulting from a sale.



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CHAIR FOR HOSPITAL

The North Renfrew District Women's Institute recently donated a geriatric recliner chair at the Pembroke General Hospital. Alma Laroche tires out the new chair while nurse Helen

McCool accepts it. In the back from the left are Julia Thur, Mrs. McCool, Judy Bohm and Peggy McLeod. The 15 branches of the district organization helped pay for the chair.

(Observer Photo)

North Renfrew District WI

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Christine Raeburn conducted the morning session and Juliane Coulas the afternoon session.

Reports were given by provincial board director Mae Craig, auditors Joan Lett and Vivian Pierce, public relations officer Susan de Hoan, program coordinator Peggy Marcus, Tweedsmuir curator Peggy McLeod, and resolutions Shirley Smith.

The North Renfrew district also decided to again sponsor a foster child.

Elaine Dick, editor of The Renfrew Mercury, spoke briefly on how to write a press release. She stressed the im-

portance of remembering that people don't know institute members so use proper names. She urged PRO to tell of the interesting parts of the meeting first and grab the attention of the reader.

A delicious dinner was served with entertainment provided by Fran Pinkerton.

Greenwood Institute offered to convene the 1994 district annual and would be an evening meeting.

Following dinner greetings were given by South Renfrew president Sharon Pritchard, Alvin Stone, Reeve of Ross Township, and Peggy McLeod from the area.

New officers
Provincial board director

Mae Craig installed the following slate of officers:

Past president - Christine Raeburn; president - Juliane Coulas; 1st vice-president - Julie Thur; 2nd vice-president

Dwyla Pilgrim, 3rd vice-president - vacant; secretary - Peggy Marcus; treasurer - Bernice Thur; district delegate - Juliane Coulas; alternate - Julie Thur; delegate - Christine Raeburn; alternate - Dwyla Pilgrim; public relations - Susan deHaan;

auditors - Vivian Pierce and Joan Lett; program coordinator - vacant; resolutions - Jane Mottershead; curator - Peggy McLeod; Tweedsmuir history - Bea Vallee; pianists - Noreen Desjardins and Norma Bennett.